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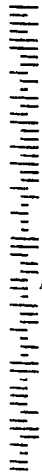
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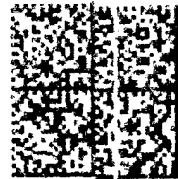
This Reply Brief is responsive to the Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed June 15, 2007, the date of response to which is August 15, 2007. The "Supplemental Examiner's Answer" (which, in fact, appears to be responsive to the Appeal Brief filed November 12, 2004) sets forth numerous admissions and raises new points of argument which will be addressed in the order that they appear.

In section 11 on page 3 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner admits "it is recognized what the Briggenshaw reference does not show from the discussion on page 6, first two paragraphs . . ." (emphasis added). Appellant's Appeal Brief on page 6, first paragraph, merely describes what Briggenshaw teaches. However, the second paragraph (beginning with "However") points out what Briggenshaw does not teach, and the



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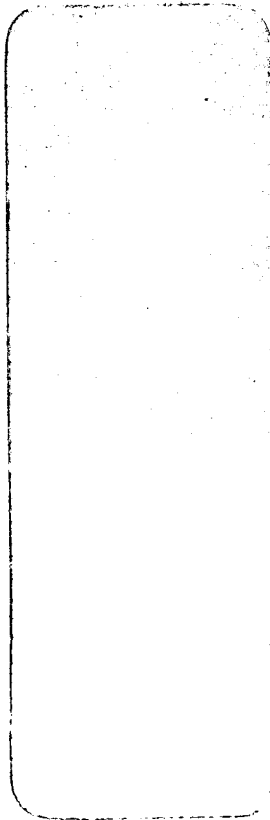
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